

Marijuana Policy Review Panel

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2005
City Hall, Room 214
5:50-7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Carr, D'Adre Beth Cunningham, Dominic Holden, Captain Steven Brown, Kris Nyrop, Tom Rasmussen, Kenneth D. Stark
Members Absent: Alison Chinn Holcomb, Theryn Kigvamusud'Vashti, Nick Licata, Dan Satterberg
Staff: Zuzka Lehocka-Howell, Kerri Grechishkin

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to approve the meeting minutes from June 16, 2005.

Administrative

Introduction of Kerri Grechishkin to the board. She will be filling in while Zuzka Lehocka-Howell is on maternity leave.

Final Report – need for a researcher

Caleb and Denis, guest speakers from the University of Washington, did not attend the meeting due to a misunderstanding on the date. They will be attending the December meeting instead. The researchers will help the panel with determining the scope of work for the report, how to accomplish it, and in what timeframe. Approval of the scope was tentatively set for the March 2006 meeting.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to ask the Council to change the year in which the panel's report is due from 2006 to 2007. Tom Carr has volunteered to write this request (section B3).

After a long discussion, the panel agreed that a high quality report would not be attained if the panel members or an unpaid volunteer were to write it. They have agreed that a well qualified researcher should help with the report. The panel would be responsible for acquiring all the necessary data and would determine the scope. Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to ask the Council for up to \$20,000 (twenty thousand) for hiring a researcher. Dominic Holden abstained from voting.

Review of Access Database

After passing out the Access database, there was discussion on who would input the data and what the time commitment might be, as this is not just a matter of data entry. The purpose of the database was discussed...it was described as a broad range of data for the researcher to look at and decide what is and is not significant in determining if arrests are consistent with the ordinance and what the impact of individual cases are.

Proposed Future Agenda Items

Guest speakers from the University of Washington will come and help the panel narrow down the scope of the report. This item will take approximately one hour.

Next Meeting

December 15, 2005, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 214